that Glybenclamide does not fulfil any exclusion criteria of the Kelkar Committee;

(e) whether it is a fact that due to non-inclusion of Glybenclamide under price control, producer is able to overcharge the consumer by Rs. 8 crores;

(f) if so, by when the drug would be included under price control list; and

(g) what is the quantity of Glybenclamide tablets sold by M/s. Hoechst after the decontrol of drug?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Liability of M/s. Hoechst India Ltd. in respect of Glybenclamide upto December, 1983 would be finalised after getting the full details from the company which are awaited.

(c) and (d) Recommendations of the Standing Committee in respect of Glybenclamide are still under consideration of the Government.

(e) and (f) The turnover of individual formulations is not monitored by the Government and so long as Glybenclamide is outside price control manufacturer is free to charge its own price without any prior approval from the Government.

(g) The recommendation of the Standing Committee in this behalf is under consideration of the Government.

Popularising use of Turmeric

2845. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists of National Institute of Nutrition have recently found Turmeric to have anti-cancer properties;

(b) whether large scale field trials have been done on human beings to establish the efficacy of the herb if so, what are the details of the findings; and

(c) what measures are being taken/proposed to popularise use of this herbal preparation for our health care system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Studies conducted at the National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR), Hyderabad have shown that turmeric has anti-mutagenic effect in animals.

(b) A pilot study in smokers using turmeric tablets revealed that it can reduce mutagenic substances in urine. Large scale field studies havenot been undertaken. It is necessary to do more studies before this can be appiled to human beings.

(c) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has made efforts to popularise its clinical application in simple forms through the books on home remedies and herbal medicines and other publications.

Eradication of Guineaworm Disease

2846. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 128 lakh people are affected by Guineaworm every year in India as reported in Pioneer Lucknow of 29th June, 1990 ;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise figures of incidence during the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) whether Government have worked out any plan to eradicate